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## FIREMAN KILLED IN A COLLISION

### THREE MEN INJURED ON THE WAY TO FIRE

**Market Gardeners Want Duty on American Vegetables Increased—Man Frozen to Death.**

Hamilton, Dec. 19.—Fireman Theodore Smith, married, residing at 20 Stanley avenue, was killed, and foreman Robert Wilson and firemen Robert Atkinson and Robert Cameron were badly injured as the result of a collision between a hose wagon and a street car at the corner of King and Bay streets shortly before 7 o'clock, this morning. The hose wagon was responding to an alarm of fire at Kerr & Weston's foundry in the west end of the city. Foreman Wilson's injuries are serious. None of the passengers in the street car were injured.

Disqualified.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—Over 20,000 Montrealers have been disqualified from voting in the civic election to be held in February on account of failure to pay water and business taxes.

A Denial.

Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 19.—The report that Sir Christopher Furness would establish a great shipbuilding plant at a cost of $25,000,000 to build vessels for lake and ocean trade is knocked on the head by Mr. F. H. Clergue, who says no plans for such an establishment have been made.

Winnipeg School Debentures.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 18.—The offer of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to purchase $50,000 of Winnipeg school debentures at par was accepted by the school board to-night.

Narrow Escape.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 19.—Thomas McGivrin, clerk of the Division court and real estate agent, was found in his office in an unconscious condition from escaping gas yesterday morning. He will recover.

Stole Registered Letters.

Waterford, Ont., Dec. 19.—A young man named Jackson, aged 18, a mail carrier on the Boston & Waterford route, was to-day sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary for stealing registered letters from the mails. He confessed that he had taken letters and spent some of the money.

Want Duty Increase.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—A deputation of Ontario and Quebec market gardeners are here to urge upon the minister of finance the necessity of raising the duty on American vegetables, claiming that Canadian grown vegetables are suffering on account of the Canadian market being loaded with American product, which comes through at a low rate of duty. Gardeners claim that if American duty on Canadian products was as low as Canadian duty on American product there would be no reason to complain because Canadian growers could easily dispose of surplus stock in American territory.

Old Man Found Dead.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 19.—Charles Lyon, 80 years old, was found dead this morning a short distance from his home. He had been missing since Saturday. He had been driven to within half a mile of his home by a neighbor on Saturday, and it is thought in the darkness he lost his way, lay down, and died from exposure to extreme cold weather.

Died From Burns.

Rapid City, Man., Dec. 19.—As a result of a burning accident last night the three-year-old daughter of Mr. O. McKinnon died this morning. She was playing around the fire when a spark ignited her clothing and she was burned so badly that she died at an early hour to-day.

Frozen to Death.

Severn Bride, Ont., Dec. 19.—William Miller, an employee of the Orillia Electric Light Company, was found frozen to death near here yesterday. He is supposed to have lost his way in the lumber piles.

May Come to Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Mr. H. Ebers, of Adelaide, South Australia, is in the city seeking information regarding the newer portions of Canada with a view to satisfying the wishes of some Australian farmers, who are dissatisfied with their lot in that colony, and have expressed the desire to come to Canada.

Interesting Ceremony.

An event in the history of McMaster university was the opening to-day and dedication of the new chapel and library which have been erected in connection with the university. The new building, has cost approximately about $33,000.

Charged With Fraud.

The police this afternoon arrested Dr. Ezra Glassco and Mrs. Lovely on a charge of fraud. The pair formed a species of society for absent treatment for business difficulties after the Christian Scientist idea and called it "Radical Business Success Circle." Members were to pay $1 monthly and were guaranteed business success.

### COLLECTOR SANDBAGGED.

**Knocked Down and Robbed of Three Hundred Dollars.**

Macgregor, Man., Dec. 20.—J. E. Ewing, one of the McCormick collectors, in returning to town last night about 10 o'clock was sandbagged and robbed of $280 of the company's money, about $20 of his own, and a gold watch and chain. He was approached from behind and struck on the head with some heavy weapon, stunned and robbed. There is no clue to the robbers.

### NEW BRANCH FORMED.

**United Irish League of America States Its Aim and Objects.**

New York, Dec. 19.—The provisional executive committee of the United Irish League of America, formed by the Irish envoys, Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell, before leaving for Ireland, held its first meeting this afternoon at the Hoffman house. John Finery, of Chicago, president of the newly-organized league, presided, and most of the 21 original members of the executive committee were in attendance. Darcy Scott, of Ottawa, Ontario, was added to the executive committee. A constitution and by-laws, based on the lines of the old land league organization, were adopted, and arrangements made to organize the country in support of the Irish leaders and the United Irish League in Ireland. The executive committee was engaged until a late hour in drafting an address to the people of this country, on which they base their claim to active support of the Irish cause at the present time.

The address endorses what Mr. Redmond and his associates said as to the important part emigration is playing in keeping Ireland down, and says:

"The great task, then, of this, our generation, is to strive and root the Irish to their soil, the work so gloriously begun by Parnell, and now so ably prosecuted by Redmond, Davitt, O'Brien, Dillon and their associates. The young rural people of Ireland must be given a living in the land that gave them birth. In order that they may cleave unto the soil, they must be made, like the Frenchman, the Hollander and the Boer, farmer proprietors.

"This allied to the underlying cause of Ireland national independence is the notable mission of the United Irish League of Ireland. It is our duty as Irishmen to sustain Ireland in her chosen policy, which in no way conflicts with our national sentiment either as friends of Ireland or as American citizens."

The address then calls upon Irish-Americans to form as soon as may be possible branches of the United Irish League of America, to co-operate with their Irish brethren in the cause of national liberty and agrarian reform.

### WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

**Marconi Has Temporarily Ceased His Tests at Station in Newfoundland.**

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 19.—Marconi's local lawyer has informed counsel for the Anglo-American Cable Company that he will temporarily cease his tests, in receiving signals by wireless telegraphy from England, and without admitting the rights of the Anglo-American company, will notify that company prior to resuming his test. The situation is otherwise unchanged.

Governor Boyle, of Newfoundland, gave a large luncheon in honor of Mr. Marconi. Among the guests present were Premier Bond, the cabinet ministers, the heads of departments, marine, Lloyds' underwriters, officials and representatives of the press. The affair was practically a state function. Governor Boyle, in proposing Marconi's health, spoke exhaustively on the inventor's work since his arrival in the colony.

### SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

**Eight of Steamer's Crew Drowned—Vessel a Total Wreck.**

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The steamer Kanawaha Bell, which runs between Charleston and Montgomery, went over Lock No. 3 at Pant creek on her trip down to-night, and broke in two and is a total wreck. Eight of the crew, all deck hands, are drowned. The officers of the boat were saved, but some of them had narrow escapes. The river has been high for several days, and there was a furious current at the lock and the pilot was unable to control the boat on approaching it.

### AMUR FROM SKAGWAY.

**Brought Down Twenty Dawson Passengers—Vancouver Mayoralty Contest.**

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Steamer Amur arrived this morning from Skagway with 20 Dawson passengers. "Kid" West has gained a new band of thieves, and is making much trouble at Skagway. He will probably be shipped south. The winter stage route from Dawson is open and working splendidly. The first outbound stage reached Bennett on Tuesday.

An extended discussion took place at the Liberal Association last evening on the question for the coming Liberal convention at Vancouver on January 30th. Several speakers went so far as claiming the provincial Liberal executive had taken too much on itself in connection with the arrangements. Exception was finally taken to two clauses, which a resolution to the executive asked that committee to reconsider or rescind. These were provisions that members of the old executive themselves should be members of the convention and that the editors of Liberal newspapers should also attend.

Ald. T. F. Neelands is the latest candidate for the mayoralty, having been awarded the nomination by the Vancouver Electorial Union, composed of the anti-liquor element in civic politics. Mr. Banfield will probably retire, leaving Messrs. Woodward, Townley and Neelands in the field.

### GAGE RETIRING.

**Washington, Dec. 20.—It is Secretary Gage's intention to give up the treasury portfolio as soon as President Roosevelt can find a suitable successor, and he has so informed the President. Mr. Gage would like to be relieved before spring.**

### RESUMED BUSINESS.

**Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The First National Bank resumed business to-day after suspension for 16 days with the teller's vacancy filled.**

### ORDERED TO PANAMA.

**San Francisco, Dec. 20.—The Bulletin says rush orders have been received from Washington directing that the cruiser Philadelphia sail from here at once with all haste for Panama.**

**A Hamburg inventor has devised a penny-in-the-slot machine which sells milk and keeps the glasses clean, closing up when it is empty. It is to be used especially for schools.**

## FATAL EXPLOSION IN STEEL WORKS

### MILL WRECKED AND SEVERAL MEN KILLED

**Wreckage Took Fire and Flames Spread to Adjoining Building, Which Was Also Destroyed.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—In an explosion at the Black Diamond Steel Works at 4.10 this morning at least ten were killed. At the West Pennsylvania hospital there are 22 injured. The list of killed will be greatly increased as the wreckage is removed and their bodies recovered. Only two bodies have been recovered to this time.

One of the large boilers on the north side of the mill, next to the Allegheny Valley railroad track, blew up, bringing death and injury to many employees, completely wrecking the building with all the machinery in it. The fire caught and spread through the building in the rear occupied by the McNeil Boiler Works, which was soon reduced to ruins. Owing to the breaking of wires it was some time before an alarm of fire could be turned in. Telephone messages brought ambulances, and a large number of men soon on the scene began the work of rescue. In a short time 11 men had been taken out and sent to the West Pennsylvania hospital. It was a little time before any dead were found, and then the bodies were so badly mutilated as to be unrecognizable.

Five Men Dead.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 20.—Latest reports from the Black Diamond Steel Works seem to indicate that the loss of life has been larkely exaggerated. Reports now have five dead, 12 injured and none unaccounted for.

## EIGHTH CONTINGENT OF NEW ZEALANDERS

**Over One Thousand Volunteers Presented Themselves for Service in South Africa in One Day.**

New York, Dec. 20.—A dispatch to the London Times and the New York Times from Wellington, New Zealand, says that over a thousand volunteers for the eighth New Zealand contingent for service in South Africa presented themselves in one day, exclusive of those in several districts from which the returns have not come in.

One hundred and thirty-three officers volunteered for the forty-four places. Sixty-three of them have previously served in the Boer war.

Col. Evans at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Col. Evans arrived here last night. He will commence at once to complete the work of the organization of the Mounted Rifles, which has been going on under Major Merritt.

### CAPTAIN RELEASED.

**Master of German Steamer at First Refused to Pay Fine and Was Imprisoned.**

Perth, West Australia, Dec. 20.—Captain Harrassowsitz, of the North German Lloyd steamer Neckar, who was fined £25 for breaking the seals of the ship's stores in contravention of the Australian tariff, and was imprisoned, having refused to pay the fine, has furnished bonds and been released.

### SAMPSON'S OBJECTION.

**Takes Exception to a Portion of Admiral Dewey's Report.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—The objection of Admiral W. T. Sampson to that portion of Admiral Dewey's report of the Schley court of inquiry, in which he says Admiral Schley was in command at the battle of Santiago and entitled to the credit for the victory, was filed with Secretary Long to-day.

### THE SAN BLAS ASHORE.

**Steamer's Passengers Are Reported to Be Safe.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—A dispatch received to-day at the state department from the United States Consul-General at San Salvador says that the steamer San Blas, heretofore reported lost, is ashore near La Libertad and that passengers are safe.

### METAL BROKER'S FAILURE.

**London, Dec. 20.—The failure was announced on the metal exchange to-day of William Sargent, head of one of the oldest and best firms in the metal market. Mr. Sargent, was chairman of the committee of the exchange. His liabilities are variously estimated at from £30,000 to £50,000. The market was demoralized on account of Mr. Sargent's failure. Copper dropped $1 and tin dropped £7 to £98. Both partially recovered, but little business was done.**

### FATALITY AT SYDNEY.

**Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—D. McPherson, coal miner, while standing at the bottom of a shaft, was struck on the head by a rapidly descending cage, and instantly killed yesterday.**

**John McDougall, brakeman, Dominion Iron & Steel Co., was probably fatally scalded yesterday by a pot of boiling metal falling on him.**

### AIDED NATIVES IN FIELDS.

**Gen. Chaffee Tells of Difficulty in Dealing With the Filipinos.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—"History affords no parallel of a whole people thus practically turning war traitors, and in the genius of no other people was ever found such master powers of dissimulation; but it is needless to say that no powerful state was ever erected or ever can be erected on such immoral and uncivilized foundations."

This statement is made by Gen. Chaffee, military governor of the Philippines in a review of one of a number of courtmartials in the islands, the records of which have been received at the war department.

The case which brought forth the above comment was one wherein seven natives were tried jointly on a charge of murder. The accused were soldiers in the insurgent army, and after defeat by the United States army in the field, abandoned even the show of open opposition, and took up their residence at Taytay, near Manila, a place protected by a United States garrison. Then, following the proclaimed policy of the insurgent chiefs, they proceeded to organize secretly a bolo band. When authorization had been given to establish civil government, the band came forward under the leadership of a resident padre and were elected municipal officers of Taytay.

Then ensued a remarkable attempt to serve two masters. In all lawful matters they served with due appearance of loyalty to the United States, while at the same time they labored secretly and deliberately in the interests of the insurgents. This dual form of government, says Gen. Chaffee, existed everywhere, in strongly garrisoned cities like Manila as well as the smallest barrio.

"One undeniable truth," says General Chaffee, "stands out in this case, as in hundreds of like cases of murder, that the average native of these islands has not more than the first rudimentary conception of his individual rights and duties as a man, and no one knows this as well as the chiefs who use him for their nefarious purposes."

Six of the seven natives were sentenced to be hanged, but Gen. Chaffee commuted the sentence of three of them to imprisonment to hard labor for life. The seventh native, a regularly ordained priest, asked for, and was granted, a separate trial. At his trial, De Posey, who was held to be the chief agent in the Taytay murders, took advantage of the loophole which appeared to be afforded by his position as a priest, by contending that while the participators in the wholesale murders in Taytay would confess the same at the confessional, he was compelled by his sacred office to keep silence.

Gen. Chaffee pronounced this defence of no value, saying that "the confessional does not lay upon any priest or layman obligation of suppressing knowledge of crimes being committed by third parties." Gen. Chaffee confirmed the sentence of death imposed by the courtmartial which tried De Posey, but commuted the sentence to 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor "out of respect for his calling, and on account of the great religious organization, of which he is a most unworthy member."

### EXPORT FALLING OFF.

**Decline in Foreign Demand for Copper Cause of Reduction in Price.**

New York, Dec. 19.—Amalgamated Copper claimed and held interest over all the list in the Street to-day, and went through a rapid series of bewildering fluctuations.

After the erratic market had closed, the directors of Amalgamated Copper met, voted a dividend of one per cent., and issued a statement placing the blame for the declines upon the shrinkage in foreign consumption. In this connection it was stated that Amalgamated had been forced to bear the largest loss in the effort to maintain prices. The statement placed the falling off in exports of copper at 65,000 pounds, and said that during the last month the United States Metals Company had sold over 100,000,000 pounds for future delivery.

Transactions became very moderate. Efforts of shorts to cover were assisted by what appeared to be adroit manipulation. Trading became exciting in the last hour and blocks of from 1,000 to 3,000 shares changed hands frequently on a rapid rise to 69½. An equally rapid reaction followed to 64½ changes of a point being made between sales, but the buying soon overcame the declining tendency, and prices bounded up again to 67½. There was another slump just before the close, and the last sale was 66⅞.

### CALLED TO ORDER.

**The Jacksons Contend There is a Conspiracy Against Them.**

London, Dec. 19.—The trial of Theo. and Laura Jackson was resumed this morning at the Old Bailey. The day was occupied with a reiteration of former testimony in the case and excited cross-examination of the girl witness by Mrs. Jackson, who was frequently called to order by the judge. The defendants contended there was a conspiracy against them, and expressed the hope that their past careers would be fully investigated.

### CECIL RHODES.

**Heat Stroke Prevents Him Continuing Journey to Khartoum.**

London, Dec. 19.—A dispatch to the Central News from Cairo says: "Cecil Rhodes, managing director of the British South Africa Company, has suffered from a heat stroke, and has abandoned his trip to Khartoum, and is hurrying to Cairo."

### IT IS NOT A CRIME.

**St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—A Fargo, N. D., special to the Dispatch says: "It is not a crime against the United States to pass a confederate bill on an unsuspecting Indian, according to a decision rendered by Judge Amidon, of the United States court, in what is known as the 'Barrett case.'"**

### TO DECIDE BOUNDARY.

**The Hague, Dec. 20.—Great Britain, having recognized fully the fact that the rights of the Netherlands are in nowise affected by the Paris arbitration of the boundary dispute between British Guiana and Venezuela, the government has ordered the delimination of the Dutch frontier.**

## THE METROPOLIS IS BEING DESERTED

### CHRISTMAS EXODUS NOW IN FULL SWING

**What P. A. McHugh, M. P., Learned in the States The Irish Should Stay at Home.**

London, Dec. 21.—The King and Queen, surrounded by many members of the Royal family, will spend Christmas at Sandringham, where a shooting party will gather on Monday.

London is emptying fast of fashionable people, who are hurrying to the country to hold their festivities, and large parties are gathering at nearly all the great homes in the United Kingdom. The South African war and the court's partial mourning seem in no way to have affected the nation's determination to celebrate the season with more than usual zest.

Patrick A. McHugh, a member of parliament for the north division of Leitrim, and editor of the Sligo Champion, who visited the United States recently with John Redmond and Thos. O'Donnel, also members of parliament, has been celebrating his return to Sligo by rather curious remarks about America. Speaking at a public meeting he declared that the lesson he had learned from his tour was simply that the Irish should stay at home. This, he added, is the advice of one who had seen the dark as well as the bright side of life in the great American cities.

The disastrous breakdown of England's telegraphic system, which is still in a state of semi-chaos, due to the recent severe storms, has produced a widespread demand for underground wires. This system is already in use between London and Birmingham, and is being extended northward.

## MYSTERIOUS CASE AT THE TERMINAL CITY

**Mrs. Powell Disappeared on Thursday and No Trace of Her Has Yet Been Found.**

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The most sensational mystery of the year developed to-day in the probable robbery and murder of Mrs. Grace Powell, of Mount Pleasant. This is the third day the woman has been missing.

Late on Thursday afternoon a man knocked at Mrs. Powell's door, No. 550 Seventh avenue, and offered to sell her some chickens. Mrs. Powell's sister heard the conversation at the door, and heard a bargain being made for the sale of chickens similar to her own. The man had a short figure, but she had never seen him before. Then she heard Mrs. Powell agree to buy one fowl, and the man said she should come over to his place, indicating with his hand, and take her choice. Mrs. Powell came in the house, threw a shawl over her head, went to the bedroom and got her purse containing $45, ostensibly to pay the man for her purchase, and saying she would be back in a few minutes, Mrs. Powell left the house. Since then she has not been seen.

Since Thursday night five policemen and all the neighbors have been searching for the woman, but not the slightest trace has been found. All search for the poultry owner has been fruitless. No neighbors were solicited to buy that morning, and apparently the sale of fowls was fictitious for the purpose of getting the woman away from her house.

Beyond one clue there is not the slightest development in the case. This clue is furnished by the presence of a man named Oscar Lascer, German, who was madly in love with the missing woman. He had often tried to approach her, but she ordered him away from the house. Two months ago he called on Mayor Townley and threatened to stab him if he was not given money. Then he was sent to the asylum, but a week ago was released and was seen near the Powell residence since Monday.

### FOUR STEAMERS ARRIVE.

**The Campania Made a Fast Trip Across the Atlantic.**

New York, Dec. 21.—There was a great rush of arrivals of trans-Atlantic passenger steamers in port this morning. The fast French steamer La Savoie beat the fleet by arriving about midnight last night. She was followed closely by the Campania, Cunard line, and later by the Bismarck from the Mediterranean, and the Philadelphia, the American line steamer from Southampton and Cherbourg. All had fine weather and made excellent time. The French liner and the Cunarder had a close race from Nantucket to the lightship. The latter had a surprising fast run for this time of the year. She made the run from Queenstown in five days, 15 hours and 35 minutes.

### MULES TAKEN FROM MINES.

**Nanaimo, Dec. 20.—The mules used at South Wellington are said to have been all taken up to Extension, which indicates that the former mines are not to be opened very soon.**

**Assistant Postmaster Malle, at Extension, is supposed to have left without leave. He has been reported to the post office inspector.**

### INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

**Rome, Dec. 20.—In the progress of excavations in the basilica of St. Agnes last week it was found that the silver casket, in which the remains of St. Agnes were placed upon their discovery by Pope Paul V. in the seventeenth century, and which was buried in the crypt of the basilica, had never been removed from the crypt.**

### THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

**Bill Introduced Granting Pension of $5,000 a Year to Mrs. McKinley.**

Washington, Dec. 19.—At 1 p.m. today the senate adjourned until January 6th, 1902.

Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the House committee on commerce, to-day made the report of the committee in favor of the Nicaragua canal bill. The report says in part: "The purpose of this bill is to concentrate authority and responsibility for the construction of this great work in the hands of the President. We have tried to concentrate authority and responsibility rather than to disperse it among many persons."

Senator Hanna to-day introduced a bill granting a pension of $5,000 a year to Mrs. McKinley, widow of the late President.

A bill was introduced in the senate by Mr. Penrose reviving the grade of vice-admiral of the navy and promoting Admirals Sampson and Schley and Capt. Clark to that rank.

A bill to increase the official bond of the United States marshal of Alaska in certain cases to $75,000 was introduced in the senate by Mr. Hoare, and passed without reference to the committee.

The House has agree to consider the Nicaragua canal bill on Tuesday, January 7th, and thereafter till disposed of, the order not, however, to interfere with revenue or appropriation bills.

At 1.45 the House adjourned until Monday, January 6th, 1902.

Representative Jenkins, of Wisconsin, who proposed a constitutional amendment to control trusts in the last congress, to-day introduced a measure of similar character, providing for a constitutional amendment providing that "congress shall have power to regulate commerce in the United States. All private corporations, co-partnerships and joint stock companies in the United States shall be under the control of congress. Congress shall have power in the United States to regulate, control, prohibit and dissolve all contracts and combinations in restraint of trade or commerce. In the absence of legislation by congress pursuant to this article, all powers conferred upon congress by this article may be exercised by the several states."

### INCREASED CAPITAL.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—The state board of railway commissioners to-day authorized the St. Lawrence & Adirondack Railway Company to increase its capital stock from $1,300,000 to $1,621,500. Subsequently the company filed a certificate of increase with the secretary of state.

### FATAL FALL DOWN STAIRS.

Binghampton, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Christopher Colgan, a Lackawanna engineer, was instantly killed this morning by falling down a short flight of stairs. He had just hung up his coat when he slipped down the stairs and broke his neck.

### LORD STRATHCONA.

Montreal, Dec. 19.—A cablegram to Mr. E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, this morning says Lord Strathcona will soon be able to go out, and that he has been able to be up the last few days.

### BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Harry de Windt and his companions who will attempt to reach New York by travelling overland started from Paris yesterday.

Arthur Stopford Francis, a London lawyer, who until recently had a number of wealthy and aristocratic clients, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with misappropriation of £5,000 of trust funds belonging to the Countess of Orkney.

One hundred and forty railroad men, representing the 25 branches of the Railroad Y. M. C. A. in the south, are in attendance at the special conference for the discussion of the departmental work now being held at St. Louis.

Secretary Hay and Senor Zaldivar, the Salvadorian minister at Washington, have signed the protocol providing for the submission to arbitration of the claim of the Salvador Commercial Company for damages sustained through the alleged appropriation by the government of Salvador of their concession rights. The claim amounts to about half a million dollars. The arbitrators names are Sir Henry Strong, chief justice of the Dominion of Canada; Hon. Don. M. Dickinson, of Detroit, Mich., and David Castro, chief justice of Salvador. The arbitrators will meet in Washington, April 1st.

The London Daily Telegraph publishes a dispatch from its Cairo correspondent to the effect that operators employed by the petroleum syndicate, after working for two years at Geb-el-Zeit, near Suez, have encountered petroleum in the sand at a depth of 2,115 feet.

### THE NEW MINISTER.

**La Patrie Says Hon. J. Sutherland Will Receive Portfolio of Marine and Fisheries.**

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—La Patrie, Hon. J. I. Tarte's organ, says that Hon. James Sutherland will be sworn in as minister of marine and fisheries shortly.

The Irish League.

Darcy Scott, son of Hon. R. W. Scott, was asked to-day if he had heard of his being appointed to the provisional executive committee of the United Irish League of America, formed by Messrs. Redmond, McHugh and O'Donnell. Mr. Scott replied that it was news to him. He did not, however, think he could accept because he was not in accord with that plank of its platform, which had for its object the "National Independence of Ireland."

### CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Hull, Que., Dec. 20.—S. Lacroix, the Montebella man who killed his wife and an old man named Thomas last summer, is being tried here. Lacroix dragged his wife and baby out of a friend's house and shot the woman dead. He then went into the house and shot her protector, an old man named Thomas. Lawyers for defence will plead insanity as the cause of the murder.

### WILL BE CLOSED.

**Liverpool, Dec. 21.—The Produce Exchange here will be closed on December 25th and 26th.**

## THE TWO JACKSONS SENT TO PRISON

### NOTORIOUS CASE WAS CONCLUDED TO-DAY

**Theodore Gets Fifteen and Laura Seven Years Penal Servitude—Scenes at the Old Bailey.**

London, Dec. 20.—The trial of Theodore and Laura Jackson at the Old Bailey was continued to-day. Anticipations of a verdict being reached sooner than expected revived interest in the "Theocratic Unity," and the court room was well filled when the proceedings were resumed.

The female prisoner, as usual, furnished the dramatic features of the examination of the witnesses.

During his cross-examination the male defendant was very insolent to the Solicitor-General, Sir Edward Carson. The judge warned Jackson that he was injurng his case, whereupon the female defendant interjected approvingly: "That's right, keep him in order."

While the Solicitor-General was examining Jackson the latter casually remarked: If Swami (a name by which the female defendant is known) is guilty, I am guilty also." But Mrs. Jackson quickly rose to her feet, having been accommodated with a chair in the dock, and refused to be included with Jackson in the charge of criminal assault.

When asked whether Mrs. Jackson had been imprisoned at New Orleans, Jackson refused to answer until the question was repeated to him by the female defendant. He said she had been in jail twice.

Mrs. Jackson then testified, and during her cross-examination the name, Dis Debarr, was mentioned for the first time in court, the witness admitting that she was the divorced wife of General Dis Debarr, adding that she had inherited a fortune from him. The woman also admitted that she had been married to a man named McCool, and to P. H. Messaul. She said her income from the Dis Debarr property was $14,000 yearly. acknowledged that she had served six months in jail in New York for defrauding Luther March, and denied that she had ever been known as Vera P. Ava. After Mrs. Jackson had made a general denial of the crimes charged against her the Solicitor-General announced that, as the prisoners were not defended, he would not address the jury.

When the case for the prosecution was closed the defendants announced that they would not call any witnesses, but would testify in their own behalf. Jackson was then sworn and commenced an address in the nature of a lecture, during the course of which he claimed to be a man bound to a single life by religious vows, and emphatically denied the testimony furnished as to his conduct with Daisy Adams, whose story, he said, was a tissue of falsehoods. He described the female prisoner as a medium through whom he, Jackson, had communicated with his "spirit wife."

Jackson in his address referred to his estate of 7,280 acres of land in Florida and dwelt at length on the principles of the Theocratic Unity.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty against both defendants. The judge sentenced Jackson to fifteen years' penal servitude, and Mrs. Jackson to seven years' peral servitude.

### STORY DENIED.

**Sensational Report Published in New York of an Assault Upon President Roosevelt.**

Washington, Dec. 21.—A sensational story that the President had been struck in the presence of Lord Pauncefote was printed in New York to-day.

Both at the White House and at the British embassy an emphatic denial is made of the story of an assault, alleged to have been made upon the President Thursday afternoon. The President himself declares the story is not true and authorizes the denial of it.

Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, who is said to have been a witness of the assault, says the report grew out of the fact that an intoxicated man was lurching along Massachusetts avenue on Thursday afternoon as the President was taking his daily walk, and that the man brushed against the President. A secret service officer arrested the man but, it is understood, he was soon afterwards released.

### RAILWAY COLLISIONS.

**Six Persons Killed Near Milan—Express Struck a Street Car—Four Persons Dead.**

Rome, Dec. 21.—Two trains were wrecked to-day in a collision near Melegano, ten miles southeast of Milan. Six persons were killed and six others were seriously injured.

Struck a Street Car.

Lyona, Dec. 21.—The Geneva express to-day cut a street car in two in the centre of the city. Four persons were killed and 20 were injured.

Train Derailed.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 21.—A passenger train on the Erie railroad was derailed at the tunnel in Jersey City this morning and a number of persons were injured. Five have been taken to St. Francis hospital. They are the engineer and fireman of the derailed train and three men who are said to be carpenters.